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"Grandfather's Consolation," by Josef Israels, admirably represents the character and spirit of the Modern Dutch School. It pictures an old man holding his little grandchild tenderly on his knee and is pervaded by gentle sentiment. As in the majority of the modern Dutch genres the subject makes universal appeal and is interpreted sympathetically and well. Israels considered this one of his most successful paintings and so wrote Mr. Thomas E. Waggaman in 1893 when he purchased it for his private collection. "It is one of the best things I ever did," he said; adding "My greatest pleasure is to tell the story well, and I do, I believe." At the Waggaman sale it brought \$18,500. Josef Israels was born in Gröningen in 1824 and is still living and occasionally painting at The Hague. He studied first in Amsterdam under Cornelis Kruseman, and then in Paris under Picot. He was the founder and leader of the Modern Dutch School of genre painting and has made a definite and valuable contribution to the art of the world. His paintings are to be found in almost all the leading Museums abroad and in this country, as well as in many private collections of note. It is safe to say that their merit will be found enduring, for they have not only pictorial charm, but artistic quality and profound significance.



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JOSEF ISRAELS